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FM AMEMBASSY BRIDGETOWN

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: EGEN MH

SUBJ: MONTSERRAT TO JOIN CARICOM

1. AT POST-ELECTION RALLY OCTOBER 11 CHIEF MINISTER AUSTIN BRAMBLE HINTED THAT MONTSERRAT WOULD JOIN CARICOM, STATING "I THINK THAT IN THE LIGHT OF THE FACT THAT WE WILL HAVE NO OBLIGATIONS UNDER THE COMMON EXTERNAL TARIFF BEFORE 1981, WE HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO TEST THE PROPOSALS AND MEASURES WHICH HAVE BEEN INCLUDED FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE LDC'S AND MONTSERRAT IN PARTICULAR, THEREBY SUPPORTING THE CAUSE OF REGIONAL INTEGRATION WITHOUT ANY DETRIMENT TO OURSELVES," ACCORDING TO MONTSERRAT MIRROR OCTOBER 12,

2. BRAMBLE CONFIRMED TO EMBOFF VISITING MONTSERRAT OCTOBER 16 THAT MONTSERRAT WILL SIGN CARICOM TREATY BY DEADLINE OF MAY 1, 1974. BRAMBLE USED SAME RATIONALE AS THAT QUOTED  
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ABOVE, IMPLYING THAT IF CARICOM TURNS OUT TO BE DISADVANTAGEOUS FOR MONTSERRAT, HE WILL RESERVE RIGHT TO WITHDRAW.

3. AN INDICATION OF MONTSERRAT'S INTENT WILL PROBABLY BE SIGNING OF MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (A-96) DRAWN UP BY CARIFTA MISSION LED BY SECRETARY GENERAL DEMAS WHICH VISITED MONTSERRAT LAST MAY (A-85). DEMAS ALSO LED CARICOM TEAM ON VISIT TO MONTSERRAT SEPTEMBER 26-28 (A-184).

4. COMMENT: MONTSERRAT HAS NOW JOINED GRENADA (A-184) AND ST. VINCENT (A-191) IN CONFIRMING THAT THEY WILL SIGN CARICOM TREATY BY MAY 1974 DEADLINE. THIS LEAVES ANTIGUA AS ONLY CARIFTA MEMBER WHICH HAS CATEGORICALLY REFUSED TO SIGN CARICOM TREATY.  
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